

Required Equipment Checklist for Alabama

	PWC	Less than 16 ft.	16 ft. to less than 26 ft.
Alabama Boat Operator License Onboard	✓	✓	✓
Certificate of Number Onboard	✓	✓	✓
Validation Decal Displayed	✓	✓	✓
PFDs: Type I, II, III, or V	✓ ¹	✓ ²	✓ ²
PFD: Type IV			✓
Ignition Safety Switch	✓ ³	✓ ⁴	✓ ⁴
Type B-I Fire Extinguisher	✓	✓	✓
Flame Arrestor	✓	✓ ⁵	✓ ⁵
Ventilation System	✓	✓	✓
Muffler	✓	✓	✓
Horn, Whistle Or Bell	✓ ⁶	✓ ⁶	✓
Daytime Visual Distress Signals			✓ ⁷
Night Time Visual Distress Signals	✓ ⁸	✓ ⁷	✓ ⁷
Navigation Lights	✓ ⁸	✓	✓

1. Those riding on PWC must wear a Personal Flotation Device.
2. Those under 8 years of age must wear a Personal Flotation Device, except when within an enclosed cabin.
3. PWC must either be equipped with an ignition safety switch or have a self-circling feature. If equipped with an ignition safety switch, the lanyard must be attached to the person, clothing or PFD of the operator.
4. Boats less than 24 feet in length, with an open cockpit and powered by more than 50 horsepower, must be equipped with an ignition safety switch with the lanyard attached to the person, clothing or PFD of the operator.
5. Required on inboard and stern drives only.
6. Required only when boating on federally controlled waters.
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8. It is strongly recommended that PWC are not operated after dark. However, if one is operated at night, it has the same requirements for visual distress signals and navigation lights as boats less than 16 feet in length.